



OSC Community News

Operations Systems Center

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USCG HH-65 Dolphin Highlight of NJE Career Day

"WOW !!! What A Day !!!" Those were the words of Eileen Davis of North Jefferson Elementary School responding to the efforts of OSC's participation in the school's Career Day in April.



NJ Students tour the HH-65

Many participants lined the walls of the elementary gymnasium with career ideas for students. But, the excitement among students and faculty inside didn't compare to the excitement on the school's ball field as students anticipated the arrival of a Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter.



LT Donald Shaffer, LTJG Courtney Harrison, and LT Steve Young at NJE Career Day

Excitement remained high as students and faculty met the Atlantic City crew and took the opportunity to explore the aircraft and learn about the role and mission of the Coast Guard in Search and Rescue.

OSC provided a mixture of a Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin fly-in along with TV, radio, and newspaper coverage to make this year's observance one the students and staff will remember for a long time.

To volunteer for OSC's Partnership in Education program, contact

**LT Donald Shaffer
Rm 2141; Ext 7917**

OSC's Chief's Mess Raises Over \$700 to Help Family Coast Guard

OSC employees relished the second annual OSC Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) hot dog lunch sponsored by the OSC's Chief Mess.



ITCS Guy Cranfill, ITC John Creager, BMCS Eric Renker serving at the CGMA lunch



Duane Robinson, Anjanette Sizemore, and Russ Quinn at CGMA lunch.

The event brought in over \$720 for CG Mutual Assistance. ITC Matt Altieri reported the Chiefs

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OSC Paints the Town Purple to Honor Cancer Survivors

If you haven't seen any of the purple ribbons through the halls of OSC, you're just too busy.



OSC folks painted the town purple by buying and displaying a ribbon at the office, at home, or on a vehicle. The ribbons are in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those that have been taken by cancer. OSC has raised \$800 so far in the campaign.

Thousands of participants across the area are painting purple with the proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Berkeley County to be held June 2-3.

OSC Saves 11 Lives in April



OSC conducted another successful blood drive in April. OSC Coordinator IT1 Scott Pike reports that OSC employees gave 35 units of blood during the drive. The Red Cross calculates that each unit of blood donated saves 3 lives. So, chalk up an additional 11 lives saved for Team OSC.

OSC Volunteers Share Dr. Seuss With Students

Do you remember a very special cat that was in the hat and came back? OSC volunteers **Lori Kennedy, Melodie O'Hanlon, CWO James Mackey, LCDR Ron Riedinger, LT Steve Young, and Baljinder "Boskey" Kamboj** shared some of those Dr. Seuss antics with area elementary students during the 10th annual Dr. Seuss Day on March 2.



Leading up to Dr. Seuss Day, students enjoyed special activities including: give-a ways of Dr. Seuss bookmarks, Dr. Seuss books, and prizes. Students were even provided a Dr. Seuss food—green eggs.

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cooked about 465 Hot Dogs. A 50/50 raffle went to LT Hillary Stickle.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is non-

profit and provides assistance throughout the Coast Guard community.

ITC Altieri reports that as of this printing, OSC raised over \$2,000 in this year's CGMA campaign.

The Chief's Mess also coordinated a collection of used cell phones to exchange for calling cards for our troops overseas.



Chip Hebenthal and Master Chief Dave McClintock keep the dogs coming.

I'm Glad You Asked...

In 2006, Californian Joey Chestnut nearly upset Japan's Kobayashi at the International Hot Dog Eating Contest at Nathan's on Coney Island putting down 52 hotdogs and buns. His competitor put down 53.75 doggies in 12 minutes for his sixth straight championship. According to the archives, the contest has occurred every July 4th since 1916.

In 2006 CGMA provided...

- 4.18 million in interest-free loans to 2953 recipients.
- 1.2 million in Personal Grants to 348 recipients (primarily Katrina victims)
- \$446,000 in Supplemental Education Grants and Education Loans.

Over the past five years, CGMA provided...

- Over \$28.4 million interest-free loans
- Almost \$1.4 million in personal grants
- Over \$1.7 million in Education-related grants and loans.

Steve Munson Receives Copernicus Award

Mr. Steve Munson was one of 25 individuals who received the AFCEA Copernicus Award for his role in "...enabling a revolution in military or civil affairs based on communications information technologies."



As OSC's lead on emerging technologies, Mr. Munson was recognized for his efforts that included work to establish an Enterprise Architecture as a discipline within the Coast Guard, a proposal for a draft Cargo Screening Conceptual Architecture, and a pilot effort to establish the first prototype SOA service implementation based

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Vauna Theiss Advances

OSC's Vauna Theiss was advanced to Information Systems Technician First Class in January. Her promotion was recognized by CAPT Deveau in an office ceremony.



She has been honored by her acceptance into the Coast Guard's Pre-

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OSS2 James Mackey Receives Promotion



OSS2 James Mackey advanced to Lieutenant May 1. Mr. Mackey has served as OSC's Security Officer since 2005.

With the promotion, Jim will be transferring from OSC to Virginia Beach, VA. at the end of May.

OSC's Partner in Education Receives National Recognition



North Jefferson Elementary (NJE) School is one of only a few hundred

schools to be recognized nationally as a Title I Distinguished School for outstanding student performance and instruction that supports high standards of achievement. NJE principal Mary Ann Jenkins accepted the award saying, "I feel very proud of such a wonderful distinction...My kids are very smart...I know they can do it, despite the odds."

Rebecca Willingham cites full West Virginia accreditation as meeting No Child Left Behind's Adequate Yearly Progress in reading and mathematics, and operating as a Title I for three years as Title I award requirements.

Title I schools focus on disadvantaged children in high-poverty areas. North Jefferson Elementary is the only school in Jefferson County with a special needs program for children with behavior disorders and autism.

OSC has partnered with NJE over the last year in conjunction with the Coast Guard's Partner in Education program.

The sailing ship the **Coast Guard Cutter EAGLE** provides



USCG Academy cadets and officer candidates with their first taste of sea. Built in Germany in 1936 and recommissioned by the United States at the close of World War II, the EAGLE is the largest tall ship flying the Stars and Stripes.

EAGLE's home port is New London, Connecticut at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

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on a reliable messaging infrastructure combined with web services to provide on-demand, real-time up-to-date analysis of inventories reported to Coast Guard logistics applications.

Mr. Munson also directed a team responsible for the Coast Guard Net Centric Enterprise Services (NCES) prototype to demonstrate the utility of SOA in sharing Maritime Domain Awareness data.

Former OSC project officer, **LT Tom Philbrick**, also received the Copernicus Award for his work to identify a solution for connectivity limitations of underway vessels by utilizing an off-line electronic submission option that allows them to download and complete their work electronically and then submit either by e-mail or directly on-line to OSC's National Vessel Movement Center's web-site.

He also implemented a solution to simplify massive cruise line data submission requirements and directed the adaptation of the SANS system for Federal Emergency Management Agency commands, Northern Command, and displaced Coast Guard units, allowing for screening of vessels transiting the Gulf area in the path of Hurricane Katrina.

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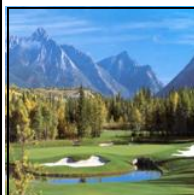
Commissioning Program for Enlisted Personnel. She plans on attending Mountain State University for her Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking and then attending Officer Candidate School (OCS).

Upon graduation from OCS, she will receive a Commission in the Coast Guard as an Ensign.

Vauna will have her hands full as on January 26 she and her husband, Todd, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Morgan Christine.

OSC Golf League In Full Swing For 2007

The 2007 OSC Golf League is in full swing and is open to all skill levels. Golfers play 9 holes every Tuesday into September at Stoneridge Golf Club with



tee times starting at 4:30. The league is open to anyone who works at OSC as well as close family and friends. OSC contact for the league is OSC's **Steve Lietuvnikas**. (No, the picture is not Stone Ridge).

Volleyball League a Tradition at OSC

A summer volleyball league has been around OSC longer than most OSC employees. During the summer, It is common to see a crowd gathered around the pavilion over lunch to watch the sand fly.

Organizer **Chris Williams** created team rosters and formulated the schedule for the 2007 season.

Matches are played between 11am and 1pm Tuesday through Thursday. The format is 4-on-4 with matches best 2 out of 3 using rally point scoring. The league is expected to last 8 to 10 weeks with the expectation of a fall league following.



Free Credit Reports (honest)

Knowing your credit score and checking your credit report is highly recommended with identify theft so prevalent. And many offers for a free report are not truly free.

The official site to request and view your credit report for free is: www.AnnualCreditReport.com. You may also request by phone or email and be proc-

OSC's 2007 Softball Team Takes the Field

YNC Donald Eppeley, Todd Theiss, and LT Anthony Baird are organizers of this year's OSC softball team.



The league conforms to Independent Softball Association (ISA) rules with a maximum of 20 players on a team. The season began in early May. Games are played Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings at Leetown Park on Old Leetown Road. Two games will be played nightly starting 7 and 8 PM.

How Do I Request Coast Guard Support for a Com- munity or Commercial Event?

If you would like the Coast Guard represented at a local event, contact OSC's Public Affairs Officer, Dave Kipp at extension 2581 or stop by office 2130.

The Coast Guard participates in various community activities including civil ceremonies, patriotic programs, and national holiday events.

The Coast Guard generally does not participate in events that charge for admission, unless our participation is incidental to the program, is patriotic in nature, and does not benefit or appear to benefit selectively the commercial activity of the sponsor.

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You are entitled to only one free report from each of the three consumer credit reporting agencies, experian, EQUIFAX, and TransUnion annually. Spread your requests out over the course of a year among the three agencies with one request per agency every few months.